KIPP TEAM and Family
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Connectivity
Request for Proposals

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1 INTRODUCTION

KIPP TEAM and Family (hereinafter referred to as “the Consortium”) is requesting pricing for DIA at some of its sites as outlined in section 7 below. This document serves as a formal request to interested parties (hereinafter referred to as “Vendor”) for proposals covering the installation, testing, and acceptance of circuits as described in the specifications sections of this document.

Prices quoted shall be all-inclusive and represent complete installation and testing at the sites. The Vendor shall be responsible for all equipment, labor, and associated professional services to complete installation, configuration, testing, and handover to the Consortium.

2 RESPONSES

2.1 Vendor Proposal Timeline

Date	Activity
11/24/2026	Consortium posts the Form 470 and RFP
12/09/2026	Vendors submit all questions via email to erate@kippteamandfamily.org
12/16/2026	Consortium addresses all vendor questions
12/22/2026	Vendors submit a final proposal to the Consortium by 5PM

2.2 Submission Requirements

It is the responsibility of the Vendor to ensure that their proposal is submitted by December 22nd, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. EST. Verbal and telephone bids will not be considered, nor will modifications of proposals by such communication.

All proposals must be submitted in a timely manner via email to erate@kippteamandfamily.org.

2.3 Proposal Delivery

A hard copy can also be delivered to the Consortium’s business office, but is not required.

The Business Office is open for deliveries Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Proposals can be delivered to:

KIPP TEAM and Family
Attn: E-Rate Department
60 Park Place, Suite 802
Newark, NJ 07102

Proposals arriving after the advertised date and time will not be considered for review. However, in the event that no proposals are received for a specific category of service by the advertised date and time, the Consortium reserves the right to accept late proposals for that specific category of service.

2.4 Interpretations, Additions and Addenda

Any interpretation, addition, or correction of the RFP will be made by ADDENDUM. These addenda will be issued only by the Consortium. Addenda will be posted to the same location as the RFP. It is the responsibility of the

Vendor to determine whether all addenda have been received.

2.5 Omissions

Omissions in the proposal of any provision herein described shall not be construed as to relieve the Vendor of any responsibility or obligation to the complete and satisfactory delivery, operation, and support of any and all equipment or services.

2.6 Price quotations

All quotes should be listed by unit price and total for the Consortium's anticipated needs.The Consortium will not be liable for any costs beyond those proposed herein and awarded.

Proposals must be all-inclusive and represent complete installation and testing at the sites. Vendors shall be responsible for all equipment, labor, and associated professional services to complete installation, configuration, testing, and handover to the Consortium. The Consortium will not be liable for any costs beyond those proposed herein and awarded.

3 EVALUATION

3.1 Evaluation Methodology

Each proposal will be evaluated based on criteria and priorities defined by the Consortium. Per USAC requirements, price will be the highest weighted criteria for analyzing proposals. The Consortium may also take additional factors into consideration, including but not limited to:

- Compliance with the requirements detailed in this RFP.
- Compatibility with existing infrastructure; integration with the consortium's current network.
- Industry experience/credentials of Vendor.

The Consortium reserves the right to award or reject proposals without further discussion.

4 CONNECTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

The Consortium is requesting pricing for DIA at some of its sites as outlined in section below.

The site details are provided in "KJ27 KIPP TAF Site List.xlsx" which accompanies this RFP.

4.1 DIA Requirements

The Consortium requires pricing for new Internet connections at some of its sites for a 3 year term. The Consortium prefers contracts that include an option for a 1 year extension beyond the initial 3 year term.

Site	Internet
129 Littleton Ave., Newark	n/a
21 Ashland St., Newark	1 Gbps with option to upgrade up to 3 Gbps
60 Park Pl., Newark	n/a
33 Maple Ave., Newark	1 Gbps with option to upgrade up to 3 Gbps
85 Custer Ave., Newark	1 Gbps with option to upgrade up to 3 Gbps
229 18th Ave., Newark	n/a
37 Avon Ave., Newark	n/a
18 Norfolk St., Newark	n/a
300 N. 13th St., Newark	n/a
275 Sussex Ave., Newark	n/a
525 Clinton St., Camden	n/a
740 Chestnut St., Camden	n/a
1600 S. 8th St., Camden	1 Gbps with option to upgrade up to 3 Gbps
1875 Park Blvd., Camden	1 Gbps with option to upgrade up to 3 Gbps
3000 NW 110th St., Miami	n/a
6745 NW 23rd Ave,, Miami	n/a
2400 NW 26th St., Fort Lauderdale	1 Gbps with option to upgrade up to 5 Gbps
190 Oliver Street, Paterson	n/a
24 De Grasse St., Paterson	n/a
159 Madison St., Paterson	1 Gbps with option to upgrade up to 3 Gbps

All 1 Gbps connections require RJ45 handoffs.
All 2 Gbps connections require multimode fiber handoffs.
The Consortium has a strong preference for LC fiber connections.

Each connection will require a /29 block of public IP addresses.

The Consortium has strong preference for Type I circuits. The Vendor must indicate in their proposal whether circuits will be Type I or Type II. For Type II circuits, the Vendor is required to indicate the last mile carrier.

5 REQUIRED PROPOSAL DOCUMENTATION

The Vendor must address all requirements set forth in this RFP. The Vendor must clearly identify any requirement that cannot be satisfied and provide the justification in their written response. Failure to answer all the requirements in the RFP may lead to the response being deemed incomplete and rejected on that ground.

At a minimum, the RFP response must include the following in addition to the Vendor's proposal:

1. Completed Proposal
2. NJ Business Registration Certificate
3. Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form
4. KIPP Vendor Non-Debarment Certification
5. Vendor Certification Regarding Prohibited Activities in Iran, Russia, and Belarus

REMINDER: Sign all of the proposal documents. Failure to sign all documents may be cause for disqualification and rejection of the proposal.

Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form

All vendors interested in conducting business with KIPP TEAM & Family Schools, KIPP Newark (a.k.a. TEAM Charter Schools), KIPP Camden (a.k.a. KIPP Cooper Norcross), and KIPP Miami (hereinafter, collectively referred to as "KIPP") must complete and return the Vendor Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form in order to be eligible to enter into a contract with us or otherwise sell us their products or services. This Form shall be filed with the request to become an approved vendor, and recertified annually. Please note that all vendors are subject to comply with KIPP's conflict interest policies as stated within the certification section below.

If an Authorized Representative of the vendor is unable to enter a checkmark in any of the boxes in the Certification section below, the vendor will not be eligible to sell products or services to KIPP.

Name of Vendor's Company	Company Phone Number

Certification

I hereby certify that to my knowledge, information and belief by checking the boxes below:

- ☐ (1) No KIPP employee or KIPP board member has any ownership interest in the vendor's company or is deriving personal financial gain from this contract.
- ☐ (2) No immediate family member of a KIPP employee or KIPP board member has any ownership interest in the vendor's company or is deriving personal financial gain from this contract, where immediate family members include spouses, children, parents, and siblings.
- ☐ (3) No KIPP employee who has separated from the organization for less than one (1) year has an ownership interest in the vendor's company.
- ☐ (4) No KIPP employee or KIPP board member is contemporaneously employed or prospectively to be employed with the vendor's company.
- ☐ (5) Vendor hereby declares it has not and will not provide any inducement to any KIPP employee or KIPP board member to obtain or maintain a contract.

I certify that the information provided is true and correct by my signature below and understand that intentional or willful falsification will subject me to punishment.

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Signature of Vendor Authorized Representative Date Printed Name of Vendor Authorized Representative

Vendor Non-Debarment Certification

All vendors interested in conducting business with KIPP TEAM & Family Schools, KIPP Newark (a.k.a. TEAM Academy Charter School), KIPP Camden (a.k.a. KIPP Cooper Norcross), KIPP Paterson (a.k.a. Paterson Preparatory Charter School) and KIPP Miami (hereinafter, collectively referred to as "KIPP") must complete and return the Vendor Non-Debarment Certification in order to be eligible to enter into a contract with us or otherwise sell us their products or services. This Form shall be filed with the request to become an approved vendor, and recertified annually. Please note that all vendors are subject to comply with KIPP's non-debarment policy as stated below, as KIPP is a recipient of federal grants.

If an Authorized Representative of the vendor is unable to enter a checkmark in the box in the Certification section below, the vendor will not be eligible to sell products or services to KIPP.

Name of Vendor's Company	Company Phone Number

Certification

☐ I certify that my company is not debarred from doing business with any public entity or the United States of America. (2 CFR §200.213)

I certify that the information provided is true and correct by my signature below and understand that intentional or willful falsification will subject me to punishment.

_____ _____ _____

Signature of Vendor Authorized Representative Date Printed Name of Vendor Authorized Representative

Vendor Certification Regarding Prohibited Activities in Iran, Russia, and Belarus

All vendors interested in conducting business with KIPP Newark (a.k.a. TEAM Academy Charter School), KIPP Camden (a.k.a. KIPP Cooper Norcross) or KIPP Paterson (a.k.a. Paterson Preparatory Charter School), must complete and return the Vendor Certification on Prohibited Activities in Iran, Russia, and Belarus in order to be eligible to enter into a contract with us or otherwise sell us their products or services. This Form shall be filed with the request to become an approved vendor, and recertified annually. Please note that all vendors are subject to comply with the certification as stated below, pursuant to New Jersey law governing public school entities.

If an Authorized Representative of the vendor is unable to enter a checkmark in the box in the Certification section below, the vendor will not be eligible to sell products or services to KIPP Newark or KIPP Camden.

Name of Vendor's Company	Company Phone Number

Certification

☐ I certify, pursuant to law, that neither the person or entity listed above, nor any parent entity, subsidiary, or affiliate appears on the U.S. Treasury's OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list on account of activity related to Russia and/or Belarus pursuant to P.L. 2022, c. 3 or in investment activities in Iran pursuant to P.L. 2012, c. 25 ("Chapter 25 List"). I further certify that I am the person listed above, or I am an officer or representative of the entity listed above and am authorized to make this certification on its behalf.

I acknowledge that I am aware that it is a criminal offense to make a false statement or misrepresentation in this certification. If I do so, I recognize that I am subject to criminal prosecution under the law and that it will also constitute a material breach of my agreement(s) with either of the aforementioned entities, and that either of the aforementioned entities may, at its option, declare any contract(s) resulting from this certification void and unenforceable.

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Signature of Vendor Authorized Representative | Date | Printed Name of Vendor Authorized Representative